



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Toshihiko Ashikari et al.

Examiner: Medina Ahmed Ibrahim

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Title: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN HAVING ACYL GROUP TRANSFER ACTIVITY

AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and arguments in the above-identified application. An extension of time and corresponding fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) extending the period of response until May 1, 2006 (April 29 is a Saturday) are submitted concurrently herewith.